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VISIT TO THE HAGUE SEPT 16-19

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EUR/WE FOR MRS. SHIRLEY FROM CHARGE TANGUY

1. WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD CONVEY THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO AMBASSADOR GOULD AND GET
HIS REPLY IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: I HAVE REVIEWED PLANS FOR BILL
MIDDENDORF'S VISIT HERE SEPT. 16-19, INCLUDING YOUR
RECEPTION AT 6 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPT. 16, PRECEDING
ADMIRAL ROEST'S DINNER AND YOUR OWN DINNER FOR BILL
ON SEPT. 17. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANTED US TO START
ISSUING INVITATIONS TO BOTH FUNCTIONS USING THE TWO
SUGGESTED GUEST LISTS BILL SENT YOU. UNLESS YOU ADVISE
TO THE CONTRARY, BOTH FUNCTIONS WILL BE WITH WIVES.
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE THE DINNER BLACK TIE OR INFORMAL
(BILL HAS INDICATED EITHER DRESS WOULD BE FINE WITH HIM).

3. BILL'S SUGGESTED DINNER LIST COMPRISES CLOSE FRIENDS
FROM BUSINESS AND THEN-GOVERNMENT CIRCLES, INCLUDING
FORMER FONMIN SCHMELZER AND FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER
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DE KOSTER. IF YOU WANT US TO INVITE THE LATTER TWO, I

WOULD SUGGEST YOU ALSO INVITE VAN DER STOEL AND
VREDELING JUST TO AVOID ANY HURT FEELINGS. ALTERNATIVELY,
VAN DER STOEL AND VREDELING COULD SIMPLY BE INVITED
TO THE RECEPTION, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EMBASSY'S RELATIONS WITH THE
PRESENT GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE DINNER. WITH
THEIR INCLUSION GUESTS AT YOUR DINNER WOULD TOTAL
ABOUT 40.

4. AS REGARDS THE RECEPTION, WE WILL ADD TO BILL'S
SUGGESTED GUEST LIST A NUMBER OF SENIOR OFFICIALS AND
MILITARY OFFICERS WHO HAVE REPLACED THE INCUMBENTS BILL
KNEW DURING HIS TENURE HERE.

5. HAVE A HAPPY VACATION. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU AND MARY ON SEPT. 4. CHARLIE. END OF MESSAGE.

6. CAN WE COUNT ON THE PLEASURE OF YOUR VISIT DURING
THE WEEK OF SEPT. 23? REGARDS.
TANGUY

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